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SUBJECT: QADHAFI ON THE BENGHAZI STUDENT VIOLENCE

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1. IN A STAGE-MANAGED SCENE AT THE EVENING SESSION OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS MEETING JANUARY 12, QADHAFI REFERRED AGAIN TO THE VIOLENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN BENGHAZI LAST WEEK. THE STAGE WAS SET BY JALLUD, WHO INTRODUCED A MOTION CALLING FOR THE SPENDING OF 35 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN ON PROPAGANDA BECAUSE THERE WERE STILL SOME MISGUIDED PEOPLE WHO CARRIED PLACARDS OF EX-KING IDRIS (AS STUDENTS DID LAST WEEK IN BENGHAZI).

2. QADHAFI THEN TOOK OVER, AND WITH DELIBERATE AND PRACTISED DEMAGOGUERY RECALLED THAT THE STUDENTS HAD DESTROYED THE FORMER BENGHAZI CATHEDRAL, NOW THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS. HE REMEMBERED WHEN LIBYANS USED TO STAND AND WATCH THE FOREIGNERS GO INTO THE CATHEDRAL FOR THEIR RITUALS, MEN AND WOMEN. THE CATHEDRAL HAD BEEN A SYMBOL OF IMPERIALISM, NOT CHRISTIANITY, AND AFTER THE REVOLUTION IT HAD BEEN TURNED INTO A PLACE FOR THE PEOPLE.

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NOW IT HAD BEEN DAMAGED. WORKING HIMSELF INTO A RAGE,

QADHAFI SAID WE WILL LEAVE IT NOW AS IT IS, AND WE WILL NOT  
REPAIR IT. TURNING TO JALLUD: "ABDESSLAM, DO YOU HEAR\*  
THAT IS A DECISION, WE WILL NEVER REPAIR IT\*"

3. THIS TOUCHED OFF A CHAOTIC DEMONSTRATION IN THE HALL  
WHICH LASTED FOR SOME TIME, WITH THE DELEGATES SHOUTING  
A SLOGAN WHICH CAME INTO VOGUE AFTER THE MUHAYSHI AFFAIR:  
"ON WITH REVOLUTION, AND TRAITORS GET OUT".

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